

APPLICATION TO CONDUCT A ONE DAY TOURNAMENT
ON MAINE INLAND WATERS

☐ Weigh-in Tournament (please check Open or Club) ☐ Open or ☐ Club (\$52.00)

☐ Catch, Measure, Release Tournament (\$12.00)

☐ Youth (Catch, Measure, Release only, no fee)

Name of individual making application: _____

Name of club or organization: _____

Address (mailing) _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ Email: _____

The above name bass fishing club desires to hold a one-day bass tournament on:

1st Choice

2nd Choice Alternative

Waterbody: _____

Town: _____

County: _____

Weigh-In Location: _____

Date: _____ from _____ a.m. to _____ p.m.

Weigh-in tournaments are not permitted from May 8th to June 14th (dates inclusive) except in Aroostook, Hancock, Piscataquis and Washington Counties. Weigh-in tournaments in these four counties are not permitted from May 20th to June 30th (dates inclusive).

You must have at least two aquatic plants and live well inspectors at the tournament.

The 3rd Saturday in July is loon count; no tournaments will be allowed to start assembling before 9 am.

Applicant Signature and Title

Date

NOTE: It is a Class E crime to obtain a permit through fraud, misstatement or misrepresentation. (Title 12 MRSA Section 10757)

Please make check payable to: Treasurer, State of Maine. Mail completed application, along with check to: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State Street, Augusta, Me 04333-0041

Definition of a Bass Club

For purposes of determining eligibility to apply for a permit to conduct a one-day bass tournament, a “bass club” is defined as any organized group of five or more bass anglers which is able to satisfy one of the following criteria:

1. Provide current documentation of being a member club in Bass Anglers Sportsmen Society (BASS), or another nationally recognized bass fishing organization; or
2. Provide a current listing of club officers and members along with a signed affidavit affirming that the group, although not affiliated with any nationally recognized bass fishing organization, is a bona-fide independent fishing club.

Requirements (General)

1. Any bass club which sponsors a one-day bass tournament must submit a completed bass tournament questionnaire, when requested to do so by an agent of the Commissioner, provided that such request must be made in writing to the sponsoring club prior to the day of the tournament.
2. All anglers in the tournament must possess a valid Maine fishing license unless of an age where a license is not required.
3. Bass tournament boats must be specifically identified in a plainly visible manner and a roster of participants must be available at the location of the weigh-in.
4. Only one permit will be issued on a waterbody for a specific date.
5. All fishing will be restricted to artificial lures.
6. No weigh-in bass tournaments will be permitted on a body of less than 500 surface acres.
7. A copy of the tournament permit and a copy of the rules affecting one-day tournaments shall be conspicuously displayed during each tournament at a location accessible to all tournament contestants.
8. There shall be a separate permit for Open and Club tournaments. Club tournaments are limited to a maximum participation of 15 boats. Open tournaments are limited to 35 acres per boat with a maximum of 100 boats. Youth tournaments will be scheduled in cooperation with IF&W.
9. Tournaments may be Catch/Measure/Release or Weigh-In. (With the exception of Youth which may be CMR only)
 - a) In Catch/Measure/Release tournaments, all bass caught must be immediately released to the location from which caught.
 - b) All bass retained shall be kept in a live-well being operated with the pump(s) in a mode that constantly exchanges live-well water with fresh lake or river water as a flow-through system, except when boats are being operated under power of the main outboard while changing locations, or while motoring to shore immediately prior to weigh-in, at which time the pump(s) may be operated in a manner that aerates a fixed volume of water in the live-well. All bass taken shall be returned to the water from which it was caught, unharmed if possible, at the conclusion of the tournament day. The daily limit shall be 5 bass per participant with no weight limit.
10. The total cash value of prizes for single-day tournaments shall not exceed \$25,000.
11. The Commissioner has the authority to put any condition necessary on any tournament to assure that appropriate measures are taken to protect biological resources and address social concerns.
12. Weigh-In tournaments are not permitted in Aroostook, Hancock, Piscataquis and Washington Counties from May 20 to June 30 (dates inclusive). In all other counties weigh-in tournaments are not permitted from May 8 to June 14 (dates inclusive).
13. There will be no more than seven weigh-in tournaments on any water greater than 500 acres, only four of which may be open tournaments.